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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in Jordan
(As of 11:30 AM EST)

25X1X   1. Anti-Husayn demonstrations have broken out again
today in west Jordanian towns but are not yet as widespread
as they were yesterday. Many Jordanians suspect more serious
trouble will develop on Friday, the Muslim day of worship,
following morning prayers. In a conversation with ███████   25X1
███████████ has expressed his belief that future danger
lies less in the demonstrations, which he says can be con-
trolled, than in the threat of assassination of government
officials and the sabotage of government installations.

25X1C   2. ████████████████████ have received information
which indicates that Syria, probably with Egypt's knowledge,
is making plans to try and assassinate Husayn and other top
Jordanian officials. Conspiracies against the regime by dis-
gruntled army officers, meanwhile, are moving ahead. Two
separate pro-Nasir groups apparently are active, and there
is a possibility that they will get together despite sus-
picions that divide them.

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4. Saudi Arabia's King Faysal has put 4,000 Saudi troops
stationed near the Jordanian border at Husayn's disposal.

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His action is more of a gesture of political support than a decision of military significance. The same applies to Iraq's offer of four Hawker Hunter jet fighters to the Jordanians. These aircraft, some of which Jordan already has, are no match for Israel's Mirage III jets. Jordan lost one Hawker Hunter in the 13 November clash.

5. Egypt's Nasir is scheduled to make a speech today which should be in progress now. He can hardly avoid some commentary on the Jordanian crisis. The way he treats it will have a direct bearing on future developments in Jordan.

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